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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroto HORIKAWA

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/139,296

Examiner: P. Kim

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For: STAGE UNIT, DRIVE TABLE, AND SCANNING EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING  
SAME

**STATUS REQUEST**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant filed a Request for Reconsideration and Petition for (two month) Extension of Time in this application on December 30, 2003, in response to an Office Action dated August 11, 2003. Applicant has not received any further communication from the Patent Office regarding this application.

The Patent Office is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below in order to indicate the status of this application. The Patent Office also is requested to act on the December 30, 2003 Request for Reconsideration.

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